

Special "Judi H. Rock On" Edition

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"Judi H. Rock On" Event Raises \$40,000 for Cancer Institute!

All of her life, friends and family knew Judi Perry Hartridge to be a vibrant, loving, and giving person. Born and raised in the region, she eventually became the Director of Nursing at Green Ridge Health Care Center in Scranton, where she was dedicated to making sure her patients received the highest level of care. When Judi passed away at the young age of 45 after a year-long battle with cancer, the entire community felt the loss of such a special individual.

However, on Friday, February 11, 2011, that same community came together for a very special night centered on honoring Judi's memory. The event, at the Country Club of Scranton, was the culmination of months of planning by a committee made up of a group of Judi's family and friends and led by her uncle, Paul LaBelle.

"The event was nothing short of spectacular. It shows how our community will always come together in time of need and for a great cause..." said LaBelle.

Guests were greeted outside the doors with the unique sight of an enormous pink tractor trailer featuring a picture of Judi. The vehicle will travel around the country for the next seven years keeping her memory alive and raising awareness. It was donated by Jim Barrett, President of Road Scholar Transport and a member of the planning committee for the event.

Inside, LaBelle's band, *The Exact Change*, kept

everyone dancing, and the room was filled with individuals sporting their best pink attire.

One of the highlights of the night was the raffle drawing for a winner of a custom designed pink Paul Reed Smith guitar that was donated to the committee. Tickets were sold for \$20 each since the end of last year, and in a gratifying piece of luck, the winner, Kathy Burns, is a cancer survivor herself!

A short program featured acknowledgements of all the individuals who played a role in the effort, and the outstanding announcement that the raffle and event had raised \$40,000 to be donated to the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute in Judi's memory!

"The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute represents home to me. Northeast, PA is where the money should, and needed to, go," said LaBelle.

"We are so thankful to be included in this very special event, and we are happy to be able to put the funds raised to use supporting local cancer education, patient services, and research right here in the region where Judi touched so many lives," said Bob Durkin, President of the Cancer Institute.



Judi Perry Hartridge



Paul Labelle (left) and Bob Durkin with the "Pink Lady" guitar.



Other Upcoming Fundraisers Planned by the Judi H. Rock On Committee

Sno Mountain
1000 Montage Mountain Road

Tuesday, March 1st

50% of money earned at the gate this day will be donated to the Judi H. Rock On Memorial Fund

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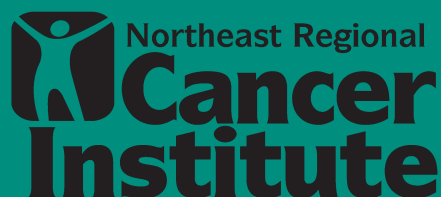
Five Guys Burgers & Fries
735 Scranton/Carbondale Highway

February 21st, 22nd, & 23rd

15% of the purchase of each customer who brings a special flyer will be donated to the Judi H. Rock On Memorial Fund. Contact Christine Zavaskas at the Cancer Institute to obtain a flyer (570-941-7984).

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